1	2	3
	(B) UNION TERRITORIES	
30.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	35.2
31.	Chandigarh	88.6
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	5.4
33.	Daman & Diu	7.7
34.	Lakshadweep	11.2
35.	Pondicherry	142.5
	TOTAL	42073.0

* No Employment Exchange is functioning in these States.
Figures may not add up to total due to rounding off.

Recommendations of Committees on Labour Laws Reforms

4608. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the Geethakrishan Committee, Rakesh Mohan Committee and the Montek Singh Ahluwalia Committee on Labour Law Reforms;

(b) how far these have been reacted upon by major Trade Unions in the country; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) The Geethakrishan Committee and Rakesh Mohan Committee did not make any recommendations on Labour Law Reforms. The Montek Singh Ahluwalia Committee recommended certain amendments in respect of Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970.

(b) The Central Trade Union Organisations have been generally opposing amendments in labour laws unless these are perceived as beneficial to the working class.

(c) Review/updation of labour laws is a continuous process in

order to bring them in tune with the prevailing situation and emerging needs of the economy. Taking into consideration the requirement of productivity, competitiveness, foreign investments and employment generation and to update the provision, a need has been felt to make amendments in certain labour laws. Accordingly, steps have been initiated to amend Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and a Bill to this effect is likely to be introduced in the current Session of Parliament. As regards the amendment to the Contract Labour Act, the same has been discussed in detail by a Group of Ministers (GOM) on Labour Reforms. The GOM is to further deliberate on this issue. The Government has also set up the Second National Commission on labour with a view to suggest rationalization of existing laws relating to labour in the organised sector and to suggest an umbrella legislation for ensuring the minimum level of protection to the workers in the unorganised sector. The Commission is expected to submit its report by 15.06.2002.

Depositing of Provident Fund by Companies

†4609. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI.
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have detected some irregularities being committed by the companies in different States by not depositing the amount of their share in the Provident Funds of their employees well in time.

(b) if so, the names of those erring companies which are not depositing the amount of their shares in the Provident Funds of their employees well in time in each State; and

(c) the financial loss suffered by the employees in each State due to these irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) Some of the establishments have defaulted in the payment of the statutory Provident Fund dues throughout the country. As on 31.3.2002, the total default was

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.